

SOCIETY



The event of the present week will undoubtedly be the production of "Maritana" by Mrs. Annis Montague Turner and the amateur talent of the city on Thursday and Saturday evenings. Those who are interested in the presentation of "Maritana" constitute a busy crowd nowadays, with rehearsals going on every evening and the growing excitement and enjoyment of amateur opera practice when the music has been mastered, and the work is down to the "practice makes perfect" stage of operations. The complete list of those taking part is as follows: Mrs. Annis Montague Turner in the title role; Ernest Ross as Charles II, King of Spain; J. L. Rockwell as Don Jose de Santarem, his minister; Charles Elston as Don Caesar de Bazan; Allan Dunn as the Marquis de Montefiore; Mrs. Percy Benson, the Marchioness; Mrs. Charles Elston, Lazarillo; and Hugo Herzer, Captain of the Guard; Forty-four make up the vigorous chorus which forms the setting of the plot and makes the complete success of the opera. They are Mesdames von Holt, Tenney, Wilder, Benson, Camp, Crane,

J. P. Hendricks, Lieutenant H. Newton, W. D. Adams, Sedgwick, and Guy Livingstone. The chorus of "Maritana" should be, and according to the rehearsals, is remarkably good. The cast is but a short one, and many voices capable of solo work have contended themselves with the chorus and augmented its value and volume. Perhaps Mrs. Turner has never been in better voice within the past few years. She is as spontaneously gay and dramatic as when achieving her earlier triumphs. Mr. and Mrs. Elston are well suited. Mr. Elston's lyrical tenor being well adapted to the dainty lyrics and arias of the opera. The balance of the cast is well chosen. The seat sale opens tomorrow, and many box parties have been arranged. Princess Kawananakoa and party, among others, will occupy the royal box. For once the costumes on the stage will fairly outdazzle those of the auditorium. Many of those to be worn for the first time in the dress rehearsal Thursday are resplendent with silk, satin, velvet and lace, and silver and gold trimmings, while there will be many heirlooms and other jewels worn by the aspiring songstresses. Mrs. T. A. Hays returned in the

Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Carter, Justice and Mrs. Frear, Mr. and Mrs. Pond of San Francisco.

Mr. Bruce Cartwright is a guest of Lieutenant Rodman, U. S. N., aboard the U. S. S. Iroquois.

Mr. A. L. C. Atkinson is convalescent from his recent illness, and left the hospital yesterday.

Mons. Vizzavona is recovering from the illness with which he was prostrated this week.

Miss Edna M. Case, a popular society girl of Denver, Colo., will arrive in Honolulu by the Ventura this week, accompanied by her cousin, Mr. Austin Baird, and both will be the guests of Mr. Byron Baird during their stay.

Ex-Governor Osborne of Wyoming and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Miller of Rawlins, Wyoming, departed for the Coast last evening in the China. Governor Osborne had a delightful visit in Honolulu, and vows that he will come back again shortly. Mr. Osborne is an ex-Congressman, as well as an ex-Governor of Wyoming, and is one of the largest individual sheep owners in the State. He is a bachelor, quite a handsome man, and an admirer of the ladies of Honolulu.

Miss Alice Jones and Mrs. A. Gartley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Jones in the Korea on Tuesday, to be away several months.

Several theater parties are being formed to attend the opening presentation of "Maritana" on Thursday evening.

Invitations for the Bachelors and Benedicts' ball for St. Valentine's eve at the Moana Hotel will be issued the early part of this week. About 175 people have been selected from the ranks of society to take part in the

OUTSIDER TALKS ABOUT THE Y. W. C. A.

Editor Advertiser: There is one sentence in "Current Comment" of last Sunday I should like to speak on from the standpoint of a business woman. You say: "Much time and money is wasted by some Associations in furnishing entertainment its members do not relish, often for excellent reasons." Perhaps my case is nearly enough typical of the class the Y. W. C. A. here strives to reach to make what I say of interest. A late comer, with few acquaintances and no intimate friends, with heavy and responsible office work that leaves small margin of time or energy for outside interests, I vibrate between desk and boardinghouse. In the scraps of time I call my own, Wai-kiki, Tantalus, Manoa and Nuuanu valleys and all the rest of your wonderful out-of-doors claim most of the daylight left. But climate and scenery, with books and the few home letters, still leave one hungry for some human association. What does the Y. W. C. A. offer?

First, I am not eligible as a member, for, though I am a church member, my church does not guarantee a brand of orthodoxy up to the Y. W. C. A. standard. No; I'm not a Unitarian, but neither am I an Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist nor Baptist in any of their infinite variety; and of such only is the Y. W. C. A. chosen. That is no regulation of the ladies here, only a proviso of the general association, dating from the dark ages. I have a constitutional objection to admittance by backdoor routes, so I am not an associate member, with all privileges as to pay and none as to vote.

But the local club is so much better than its charter it does not limit its benefactions to those of its own fold. I pay rather more than subscription rates, and am made at home in its pleasant clubroom. I enjoy its lunch, daintily served and yet abundant. I may lounge on its "hi klee" the few spare minutes at noon, or read its papers, ranging from the Ladies' Home Journal up or down, as you choose to call it. At Thursday noons I forget I am not of the elect, as I listen to the sacred music. Even my despised hour of sewing on buttons and braids is provided for, and I am free to use the machine of the hospitable secretary of a Friday evening. Even the gymnasium lends its aid in this land where

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Korea from a three months' visit to San Francisco.

The music circle of the Kilohana Art League has issued invitations for a recital to be given at the Art League rooms, Progress Hall, for 8 o'clock Friday evening, February 13.

Mrs. A. G. Hitchcock departed last Sunday in the schooner Marston for the Coast, and will make an extended visit with her mother in Tacoma.

Mrs. Louison was a passenger on the China for the Coast, combining business and pleasure.

Lieutenant Andrews, U. S. N., accompanied by his wife, formerly Miss Clara Fuller of Honolulu, were through passengers in the China, en route to the Coast, where the officer will report for orders. They have been in Hong-kong, Manila, and Yokohama for a long period.

Mrs. L. L. Terry and Mrs. W. A. Akers, two society ladies of Salt Lake City, arrived in the Korea Sunday for a two months' stay in Honolulu. Mrs. Akers has been a visitor to Honolulu before. Mrs. Terry is making her first visit, and may also spend the coming winter here.

Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. hall a concert will be given by a string orchestra for the benefit of the Honolulu Kindergarten, tickets for which are \$1. The following well-known musicians will take part: J. H. Amme, first violin; W. A. Love, second violin; J. Rosen, viola; O. B. Schmidt, cello; Miss Caroline Castle, pianist. The following is the program:

1. Quartette Carl Ditters von Dittersdorf
2. Cello sol.—Meditation (Ave Maria) Ch. Gounod
3. (a.) Serenade Victor Herbert
(b.) Bonheur (Gavotte Serenade) Henry Hartog
4. Violin Concerto op. 26 Max Bruch
Adagio Allegro Energico J. H. Amme
5. (a.) Abendlied Robert Schumann
(b.) Canzonette from E. flat, Quartette op. 12 Mendelssohn

Haleiwa Hotel at Waihalua had quite a run of guests during the Konohi period, among the guests being Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham, Miss Marion

function, the committee on invitations having shaved down the list many times. Our 400 will hereafter be known as our 175.

Mrs. William Thompson and Miss A. B. McBoyle of San Francisco leave on the Mauna Loa Tuesday next for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. W. A. Hall at Napoosopoo, returning by way of the volcano and Hilo.

Mrs. William Thompson of 1704 College street was at home Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss A. B. McBoyle of San Francisco. Notwithstanding the boisterous weather, about fifty ladies responded to the invitation. Six-handed euche was the form of entertainment. Mr. C. C. Perkins and Miss Osborne carried off the first and second prizes respectively, and Mrs. Fred L. Waldron the consolation.

Colonel and Mrs. Samuel Parker and Miss Alice Campbell departed in the China for San Francisco. Mrs. Parker and Miss Campbell will remain in San Jose while Colonel Parker is absent in Washington.

Mrs. Herman Focke entertained on Wednesday at a prettily appointed luncheon in honor of Mrs. Theophilus Davies, the guests being fourteen of the latter's old friends. The table decorations were in pink la France roses and orchids, and the menu cards were delightful little favors adorned with hand painted scenes of Hawaii. The remainder of the house was also tastefully decorated with flowers. The luncheon was elaborate and perfect, as is always the custom in that hospitable home.

Miss Rose Davison gave a poi luncheon yesterday in Manoa. The table decorations were in red, the centerpiece being a large bowl filled with red carnations, the favors, carnation leis and place cards of red. The walls were hung with trellises of vines and yellow flowers, intertwined with bougainvillea. The guests were Mrs. Herman Focke, Mrs. W. F. C. Hasson, the Misses Ward, Mrs. Montano, Miss Smith.

Mrs. Louison departed last evening in the China for a two months' visit in San Francisco with her sister, Mrs. Grinbaum.

life is so largely what the individual liver makes it. All this is genuine helpfulness, meeting real needs in a thoroughly sensible way.

What about the lectures and the socials? One hates to be ungracious and always make excuses. But those lectures! The ladies who get up the courses work hard; the ladies who talk work harder; but the hardest part of all is for those who listen. I don't intend this in any mean way. But at the end of one long day's work, with another long day ahead, who cares for pleasant little talks on the poets or health foods? Even if the speakers were all final authorities, it would scarcely pay to stay indoors that much longer. A trolley ride fits one better for the work tomorrow, and that is, after all, the test. If there were a few lectures, very far between, well advertised, and—O, the mundane part of it—with a good cup of tea, one might say to the kindly, eager ladies who urge us to go, "I shall be delighted," rather than polite variations on "Not much!"

The socials, too! We go, for it is the only decent thing to do when the committee has worked itself ragged-nerved over some new program which must have neither cards, nor a dance, nor cost anything, nor have ever been heard of before. It is no joke to coin one's brains up into favors, especially with nothing to favor. So, tired out and bored themselves, the good ladies prod up their husbands and sally forth to entertain us, who go in little feminine coveys, with now and then a stray young man. The girls from the offices and shops see each other, and the ladies all see each other, and so go the husbands. If they exchange a few brief condolences in language strange to the association rooms, who can wonder?

All of which leads to my conclusion. In the interests which have sprung up naturally out of real demands, the Y. W. C. A. ministers to very real needs, and reaps the gratitude such ministrations rarely misses. In such natural relations, acquaintance has opportunity to deepen into genuine friendship, and this opportunity is, after all, the greatest good any club can confer. Very respectfully,

A BUSINESS WOMAN.

A well known young man of sporting inclinations is said to have had his watch, chain and fob stolen from him yesterday while he was engaged in a lively game of "seven-eleven."